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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Alexander Hauk et al.

Application No.: 10/595,702

Confirmation No.: 5037

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Art Unit: N/A

For: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF  
FORMIC ACID FORMATES

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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		<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>	
<u>Application Type</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
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Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____
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<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>			
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25					
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Multiple dependent claims	360	180					
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